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SUBJ: US PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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1. I REGARD PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR EFFORT HERE AND FULLY SUPPORT THE CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STATE AND USIA. REFTEL, READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH USIA'S NEW PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND AMBASSADOR REINHARDT'S JUNE 17 LETTER TO PAO'S, LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE THAT MUCH GREATER EMPHASIS IS CURRENTLY BEING PLACED ON POLICY EXPLICATION. IF THIS IS CORRECT, I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF CERTAIN INHIBITING FACTORS, AS FOLLOWS.

2. WIRELESS FILE: WE DEPEND ON WIRELESS FILE FOR BASIC INFO NEEDED FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND ESPECIALLY FOR POLICY EXPLICATION. TRANSMISSION OF FILE, HOWEVER, IS BESET WITH TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. SOME DAYS WE RECEIVE NO FILE, OTHER DAYS ONLY HALF OR QUARTER OF IT IN INTELLIGIBLE FORM. PROBLEM MAY REST WITH TRANSMITTER IN GUAM OR MAY BE CAUSED BY FAULTY RECEIVING EQUIPMENT. WE ARE SEEKING TECHNICAL EXPERTISE FROM USIA TO IMPROVE OUR
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RECEIVING EQUIPMENT. I UNDERSTAND PROBLEM OF FAULTY RECEPTION OF WIRELESS FILE MAY BE EXPERIENCED AT OTHER POSTS. IF SO, I BELIEVE YOU COULD MAKE REAL CONTRIBUTION TO EFFORTS OF MANY POSTS IF YOU URGED USIA TO IMPROVE TRANSMISSION AND RECEPTION OF WIRELESS FILE.

3. VOICE OF AMERICA: RECEPTION OF VOA IN PAPUA NEW

GUINEA IS GENERALLY VERY POOR, EVEN WITH PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE AS RADIO IS THE MOST IMPORTANT FORM OF MASS COMMUNICATION. PNG RADIO HAS REFUSED OUR OFFER OF VOA TAPES, HENCE, WHATEVER USIA CAN DO TO IMPROVE TRANSMISSION OF VOA BROADCASTS TO THIS AREA WOULD BE GENUINE ASSISTANCE IN PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.

4. HIGH LEVEL VISITS: IN THE THREE YEARS THIS POST HAS BEEN OPEN THE ONLY SENIOR STATE DEPT OFFICIAL TO VISIT US WAS PHIL HABIB WHEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN EA. I HOPE TO SEE THIS RECORD CHANGED AS SENIOR LEVEL VISITORS WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY. I WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE SENIOR MEMBER OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION VISIT PORT MORESBY DURING THIS YEAR. THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT HERE IN AUGUST, WITH A NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, MAKES THE TIMING PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE SECRETARY OR DEPUTY SECRETARY, OR AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG OR USIA DIRECTOR REINHARDT WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A VISIT HERE. IT WOULD BE VERY DESIRABLE FOR SUCH AN OFFICIAL TO SPEAK HERE IN A PUBLIC FORUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS OR ANOTHER ASPECT OF FOREIGN POLICY. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD LIKE SUFFICIENT ADVANCE NOTICE ON OTHER PUBLIC FIGURES (SUCH AS SENATOR PERCY) SO WE COULD UTILIZE THEIR PRESENCE FOR PUBLIC DIPLOMACY. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE ONE FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS VISITOR (SECRETARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BLUMENTHAL, UNDER SECRETARY COOPER OR ANOTHER SENIOR ECONOMIC OFFICIAL) WHO COULD KNOWLEDGEABLY DISCUSS THE COMMON FUND, COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS, THE RESOURCES BANK AND SIMILAR TOPICS. I CAN GUARANTEE THAT SUCH VISITS WOULD MAKE AN APPRECIABLY LARGE IMPACT, AND JUSTIFY WHATEVER TIME AND EFFORT IS NEEDED TO ARRANGE THEM. OLMSTED

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